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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ARMITAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SP, SOPN

SUBJECT: RADIO LIBERTY

1. BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING (BIB) REPORTS TO US INCREASING PRESENTIMENT THAT GOS IS CONTINUING TO TAKE MEASURES WHICH REST ON ASSUMPTION RL LEASE WILL BE TERMINATED AT EXPIRATION IN MARCH. DENNIS, RADIO LIBERTY REPRESENTATIVE IN MADRID, HAS INFORMED RFE/RL PRESIDENT MICKELSON THAT INVENTORY COMMISSION MEETING WAS NOT POSTPONED BUT DEALT WITH CLOSING OF PALS. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT IN ADDITION TO SEPT. MEMO FROM FOREIGN OFFICE STATING THAT RL CONTRACT WOULD NOT BE RENEWED, INFORMATION MINISTRY ASKED FOREIGN OFFICE TWICE, ONCE IN DECEMBER AND AGAIN AFTER SECRETARY'S VISIT WHETHER SEPT.-LETTER STILL VALID. ON BOTH OCCASIONS - FOREIGN OFFICE ANSWER WAS THAT CONTRACT WOULD NOT BE RENEWED. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION STATES THAT US MUST HANDLE TERMINATION SETTLEMENTS FOR PALS EMPLOYEES. COST WOULD RUN BETWEEN 2-1/2 AND 4-1/2 MILLION DOLLARS. BIB WOULD HAVE TO ASK FOR IMMEDIATE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.

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DENNIS ALSO OF OPINION THAT RL WILL SHORTLY ENCOUNTER

DIFFICULTIES WITH EMPLOYEES AND MAY BE HARD PUT TO KEEP

PALS GOING AS AN OPERATING ORGANIZATION.

2. WOULD IT, IN YOUR VIEW, BE FEASIBLE TO OBTAIN FROM  
GOS STATEMENT THAT RL WOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO  
OPERATE (A LA LAST YEAR'S BASE NEGOTIATIONS) WHILE  
DISCUSSION OF LEASE EXTENSION PROCEEDED? WITH TIME-  
GROWING SO SHORT AND BIB OFFICIALS ENGAGED IN  
CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS, SOME SORT OF DEFUSING MOVE WOULD  
SEEM CALLED FOR.

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